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Did you know that your gift each year, no matter the size, contributes to our educational mission and helps Lesley earn the grants and federal funding that allow us to support our faculty and students?

We need your help by June 30th! We only need 267 gifts to make our goal of increasing alumni giving by 25% this year. Please consider a gift today. You can give online by [clicking here](#), or please mail your gift to 29 Everett Street, Office of Advancement, Lesley University, Cambridge, MA 02138.

### Summer Events - Sign Up Today!

#### WEBINARS@LESLEY: Grant Writing 101

July 12 and 19, 2011 | 3:00 - 4:00 pm

Escape from the summer heat and get started on preparing for fall projects with our two-hour course on grant writing featuring Lesley's own Senior Grants Writer, Marianne Galvin. In two one-hour sessions, webinar participants will learn the skills needed for writing successful grant proposals. The webinar will focus on the development of project goals, methods, timetables, evaluations, and budgets. Research of potential funders will also be explored through internet databases and through library resources. To learn more and to register today, [click here](#).

#### Summer Alumni Receptions

Join Lesley alumni, friends and family at our summer reception on Martha's Vineyard! Reconnect with Lesley friends or meet new Lesley connections while enjoying complimentary refreshments.

Martha's Vineyard Alumni & Friends Reception

**Alumni and Friends Return to Campus in Record Numbers for Alumni Weekend!**



Lesley welcomed back all graduates and celebrated the 50th reunion of the Class of 1961 and the 25th reunion of the Class of 1986 at Alumni Weekend 2011, held June 3-5 on campus in Cambridge. Over 350 graduates from all classes gathered to reconnect and enjoy the beautiful summer weather! From academic presentations and a luncheon for all guests, to a comedy show featuring Jimmy Tingle, there was a program for everyone and lots of fun was had by all!

To view photos and video of the weekend's festivities, [click here](#), or [visit our Facebook page](#) to tag yourself and friends in photos of all three days!

July 14, 2011 | 5:00 - 7:00 pm  
Menemsha Inn  
[Click here](#) to register.

Nantucket Alumni Reception  
July 28, 2011 | 5:00 - 7:00 pm  
Nantucket Science Center  
[Click here](#) to register.

### Professional Development Opportunities are available online!

Did you know that Lesley offers many professional development courses throughout the year? You can earn continuing education units and network with experts in your field through our programs.

You may even qualify for free continuing education courses. For example, alumni who employ Lesley students as interns qualify for free vouchers toward courses or continuing education classes. In addition, many of our courses have waived fees for alumni.

Summer programs include the Trauma Conference Series featuring award-winning educator and internationally recognized expert on mindfulness and therapy, Dr. Dan Siegel, who will deliver the Sonnabend Lecture on July 7th. To learn more about available courses and how you can get involved, go to [our website!](#)

### Announcing the 2011 Alumni Scholarships

Three Lesley students were honored this spring as the 2011 recipients of the annual Alumni Scholarship, a merit-based award given by the Alumni Council to students who are actively involved in the University and who embody the alumni mission. The three recipients include: Catherine 'Cacky' Mellor – a junior Art Therapy & Holistic Psychology major from Norfolk, MA, Alyssa Colucci – a sophomore Business Management major/Design minor from Quebec, Canada, and Amaryllis Hager – a sophomore Holistic Psychology with Counseling major/ Health minor from Sterling, MA. To learn more about the awards, please [click here](#)

### Become a Lesley University Advocate

Word of mouth is the most influential form of communication and as a Lesley Lead Advocate you can also make it one of the most profitable. As a Lesley graduate, you've probably talked to teachers and administrators about Lesley's programs, so why not get paid for it?

As a Lesley Advocate, you will be responsible for reaching out to school district decision makers and teachers to share information about Lesley University's off-campus, online, and low-residency programs. You will receive printed materials to distribute and connect those interested in learning more with one of Lesley's full-time admissions counselors. You will be paid \$30 for each prospective new student. Lesley Advocates are paid on a monthly basis for all qualified prospective student names submitted the previous month.

Ready to get started? Becoming a Lesley University Lead Advocate is a great way to promote your University and earn some extra money. If you are interested, we want to talk to you. Please contact Chris Cebulla, 617.349.8215 or [ccebulla@lesley.edu](mailto:ccebulla@lesley.edu).



Surrounded by her family, Evelyn M. Finnegan '48 cuts the ribbon, opening her Children's Literature Collection at Lesley.

The Alumni Weekend festivities were kicked off by a celebration of the dedication of Lesley's Children's Literature Collection in honor of First Alumna Evelyn M. Finnegan '48 on Friday, June 3rd.

The collection has been endowed by the Finnegan family in honor of their mother. Evelyn is a teacher, children's librarian, and the author *My Little Friends*, a series of children's books, which are on display in Lesley's Sherrill Library.

Director of the Sherrill Library Patricia Payne welcomed the Lesley community, alumni and friends to the Library, now housed on the Brattle Campus. President Moore expressed appreciation to the Finnegan Family and talked about the enduring importance of books, particularly children's books, in this electronic age of iPads and tablets. He acknowledged the pioneering First Alumnae who graduated from Lesley as teachers 50 or more years ago. Newly appointed Dean of the Faculty and Director of the Early Childhood Education Program Lisa Fiore talked about language and literacy and the importance of the children's collection to Lesley students and teachers. Steven Cramer, Director of the MFA in Creative Writing Program, added his appreciation for the Evelyn M. Finnegan '48 Scholarship in Creative Writing, and shared expressions of gratitude from Finnegan Scholars.

Evelyn Finnegan spoke to the audience about her continuing work with children in the schools that is so gratifying to her. She thanked Lesley University, saying "Lesley has meant everything to me," and introduced her family: her sons Paul and Peter, Peter's wife Lisa, and their children Sara, Peter

## Lesley Alumni in the News!

Got news? Want to share with our alumni network? Check out our new Class Notes section on our brand new website! It's an interactive way to share news, job updates, connect with friends and classmates and network. Visit today by [clicking here](#).

**For more events and other news and features about the Lesley community, [visit our website](#).**

and Katie, who appear in the *My Little Friends Series*. A new edition is scheduled for 2012. [Click here](#) to see the video of the dedication.

## AIB Graduate Wins InterAction Forum Photography Award

Jenn Warren, Art Institute of Boston Alumna class of 2002, received an InterAction Forum 2011 Award, which recognizes those who have made outstanding contributions to the world's poor and most vulnerable people.

The Effective Assistance Photography Award honors a photographer whose photos focus on the humanitarian and development work done in the field and illustrate innovative, effective and inspiring efforts in international relief and development.

To see Jenn's work and to learn more about her prestigious award, [visit our website](#).

## Upcoming Grant Opportunities

We've always got an eye out for grants and funding opportunities. [Visit our website](#) for more information.